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Customer Number: 22,852

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned	)	Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
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For: **A METHOD FOR ACCELERATING CRYPTOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS  
ON ELLIPTIC CURVES** - being a Continuation of PCT International Application  
No. PCT/CA99/01222, filed on December 23, 1999

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 4, insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of International Application No.

PCT/CA99/01222, filed on December 23, 1999, and claims the priority of

Canadian Patent Application No. 2,257,008, filed on December 24, 1998, the

content of all of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

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**REMARKS**

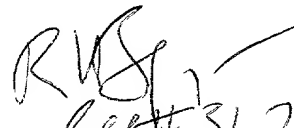
No new matter has been introduced by this Preliminary Amendment.

The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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